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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on July 24, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. Claim 16 is presumably currently amended (see underlined and strikethrough portions).

However, the status identifier of said claim is: (Proposed Amendment). This does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121. The status identifier of said claim should read (Currently Amended).

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 571-272-4747. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to

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the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of the initials JGB, written in black ink.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Willse".
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